

Rotary First Day At Chicago

POD Ends "Junk" Mail March 31

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced that the village delivery of simplified mail, established on an experimental basis fifteen months ago, will be discontinued effective March 31.

The extension of simplified address mail to city and village delivery was started by the Post Office Department on August 21, 1953 in an effort to reduce the huge losses incurred in handling third-class mail and to provide an additional service to the public. The results have not satisfactorily met these objectives and the only possible solution is increased postage rates which will be sought in the next session of the Congress.

City and village delivery of simplified address mail which is to give mailers the privilege of omitting names and street addresses from circulars and other mail matter and using the designations—"Householder", "Patron", or "Box Holder" as addresses.

This elimination of simplified address mail from city and village delivery service does not affect the delivery of simplified address mail on rural routes, or to boxholders at post offices, where no city or village delivery service is available. This service has been in effect since October, 1934.

Neither does the decision by the PMG affect the delivery on city or village routes of "Occupant" mail bearing no name but using a proper street address which was inaugurated on October 12, 1934.

British Empire Postal Stationery

Various parts of the British Commonwealth have ordered new items of postal stationery advises the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Unlike the stamps, these pieces will not be available from them by dealers on the preferred list.

British Guiana has a new registration envelope with the stamp in blue. Regular mailing envelopes with the imprinted stamp in violet are also on order. Other items in the making are a 2c postal card with the stamp in green and 1c and 2c newswrappers, the former with a black stamp, the latter a green.

New types of 6c postal cards have been prepared for Malacca, Pahang, Penang and Selangor. The stamp is in gray. Perak also has a different kind of postal card in production.

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Beautiful Stamps For The Marian Year Have Inspired Many Madonna Collections

Gertrude Boss

In this year just passed, many collectors of all religious beliefs were inspired to form collections of stamps devoted to the Mother of God. The inspiration was the many beautiful sets and singles which a number of nations released in honor of the "Marian Year". The Marian Year was a twelve month observance by Catholics during which special devotions were held in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and during which various honors and recognitions were bestowed in her behalf.

However, even before the 1954 observance and stamps, a number of countries had produced issues in honor of Her, or in which She was an important part of the design.

A collection of these religious works of art on stamps surpasses all other topical groups, and merits the highest praise at all philatelic exhibitions.

The word "Madonna" is from the Latin, meaning "May Lady" and we find stamps under both listings, to the number of more than 200, at least. Much difficulty is met with in locating some that are in miniature, even at times forming part of the seal of a country. Included in such a collection, one finds portrayals of the Nativity, Annunciation, Adoration of the Magi, the Holy Family in Flight, and designs made from life.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE HOLY HOUSE. Vatican No. C8—The origin of this listing is the record regarding the house in Nazareth where occurred the scene of the Annunciation.

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The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be blue. The printing of 80,000,000 8c Rotary International commemorative stamps has been authorized.

The basic design was executed by W. W. Wind, who was commissioned by Rotary International to submit suggested stamp models.

It has for its central subject a globe, symbolizing the world-wide scope of Rotary International. To the left is a flaming torch held aloft by a hand and arm, carrying enlightenment to all parts of the world. In the lower right corner, superimposed on the globe, is the Rotary emblem. In the upper right portion of the design, above the globe, is the wording "U.S. Postage" and the denomination designation "8c". Across the bottom of the stamp is the wording "1905 Service Above Self 1955". All lettering is in white Gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Chicago, Illinois, with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers".

The Rotary Club is an organization of business executives and professional men dedicated to community service. The first Rotary Club came into being at Chicago, Ill. on February 23, 1905.

A lawyer, Paul P. Harris, was the founder. The club obtained its name because of the practice of rotating the meeting place among the offices or business places of the members. Its membership is international in scope existing in many of the free nations of the world. Rotary International has been honored on several previous occasions with commemorative stamps, the most recent of which were three from Belgium a few months ago when the international convention was held at Antwerp.

Other nations are commemorating the event, among them Cuba, Philippines and Australia.

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Pius IV was elected Pope December 26, 1559 and crowned January 6, 1560. He reigned for almost six years dying in Rome December 9, 1565. His first official act was to grant amnesty to those who had outraged the memory of his predecessor Pope Paul IV.

Pius is remembered for the building of many fine edifices in Rome, notably that of Michael Angelo's great church of St. Mario degli Angeli, where his remains were transferred for burial from St. Peter's June 4, 1583.

The first of a series of postage stamps for local and foreign service, authorized by the Republic of Panama, honoring all the 259 recognized Popes who have governed the Catholic Church, is the Pope Pius series. It honors all the Popes of the Catholic Church who bore the name of Pius, and also commemorates His Holiness Pope Pius XII, 79th birthday and the 16th year of his coronation.

Japan Announces New Park Set, Sheet

Japan will wait until March 11 before releasing its first stamp in 1955. On that date there will be two of them, both commemorating the same event, the publicizing of Chichibu-Tama National Park.

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CHAPTER SIX

PAID IN OVAL — TYPES I AND II

PAID

PAID IN OVAL — TYPE I

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PAID IN OVAL — TYPE II

The most common of all PAID markings is the PAID IN OVAL of Types I and II, commonly referred to as the Boston Paid. It has apparently been so named because it is found used, only from Boston. The PAID is in Roman letters. The use at Boston, dates back into the '50's.

There are however, two distinct varieties. There are several of PAID IN OVAL, but this Boston Type deserves listing as the first because of its prominence and because most collectors have never seen or heard of the others, of which there are known to the author, four varieties, all quite distinct.

The illustrations above may look alike at first glance but it is very easy to see that in Type I the letter P of PAID is much closer to the front edge of the oval than in Type II. That is the sole difference, except that the letters in Type II are of a bit lighter face than in Type I.

After examination of at least 100 or more copies of this type, I am convinced that it is not an oval around the PAID, although most copies appear that way. This is due to two reasons, poor application of the handstamp and ordinary wear and tear.

The so-called oval is definitely of long straight lines at top and bottom, while the ends are of three lines, a short one at top and bottom and one a bit longer in the center, which in the end gives us an octagon or an eight sided figure.

It can also be noted that Type II is from one to one and a half mm. longer than Type I.

I have never found any evidence that this mark was used in any other town than in Boston.

It is interesting to note here again, that Boston did use another PAID during the period in which this type was used, as pointed out in Chapter Three, where we record the Roman PAID, Type V as being found from Boston. All three of these PAIDS seem to have been used concurrently. They are known only in black — double strikes are quite unusual.

KNOWN TOWN OF USE.

Type I:—BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Type II:—BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID IN OVAL — TYPE III

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PAID IN OVAL — TYPE III

Type III is a miniature of the Boston PAID, Types I and II. It measures about 6 x 17mm. The PAID is in Roman letters. It is difficult to determine if the oval is with round ends or whether, like the Boston, of an octagon shape. I am inclined to believe the latter, but only sight of an early application of the handstamp, lightly inked, may solve the problem.

It appears so much like an oval, even though the top and bottom lines are straight lines, that it can readily be classed as such. It is known only in black.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type III:—PAXTON, ILLINOIS.

LIVERMORE FALLS, MAINE.

WEST NEWFIELD, MAINE.

CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

EAST PEPPERELL, MASSACHUSETTS.

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS.

ROCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID IN OVAL — TYPE IV

PAID

PAID IN OVAL — TYPE IV

Here again we have a PAID in Oval, yet like the three preceding types it has long straight sides at top and bottom and the ends look three-sided which again makes an octagon shape.

It is about the same height as the Boston PAID, but only 18mm. long and the letters are Gothic.

Further description is unnecessary. It appears to be rather scarce and has been noted only in black. Out of four copies, I have been able to obtain but one on cover.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type IV:—SALISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID IN OVAL — TYPE V

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PAID IN OVAL — TYPE V

Once again we have what is called the PAID IN OVAL Type wherein the enclosure surrounding the PAID is not an oval but at

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Contrary to some opinions that have been expressed, Sperati did not produce his imitations by one of the normal processes associated with stamp production. It would not be wise, in the interests of philately, to describe in detail the method he used. It should be pointed out, however, that no reproductions have been made from these cliches since they left Sperati's possession and passed into the hands of the B.P.A.

In some instances, the B.P.A. has had made black and white photographic prints (often considerably enlarged) in order that philatelic students requiring information for comparison may see the flaws that will enable them to detect Sperati's work.

Carl Milles Designs "Stockholmia" Medal

The committee in charge of the STOCKHOLMIA international philatelic exhibition, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden July 1-10, have announced that the medals to be awarded in the competition have been designed by the internationally famous Prof. Carl Milles.

This follows a tradition started in the New York international show in 1926, when the world-famous Emil Fuchs was commissioned to design the medals. Again in 1936, at the TIPEX show in New York, the great American sculptor, painter and etcher, Mahonri Mackintosh Young, designed the award medals.

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GEORGE W. LINN

There are many fine books on many different subjects. In United States subjects you can get good books on almost every phase of United States issues but in many of the foreign fields good books are hard to find and on some countries there is practically nothing available.

If your interest is in one of these countries you simply have to learn the vital facts about stamp designing, stamp printing, paper, perforation, etc. and then study the available stamps in search of anything that will be of interest on the subject.

The Eternal Problem

There is one problem that is always with the stamp collector and whether you have ever pondered it seriously or not, it is in fact your biggest problem if you are very much of a collector.

This problem is the question of albums. Since the number of stamps to collect has increased many fold since the turn of the century, the problem has become a gigantic one for those who still continue to collect just about everything that comes along. It has also become a gigantic problem for the publishers of illustrated albums.

We have this question put to us many times in the course of a year. "What do you recommend as the best album for all around use?" A collector in Connecticut recently enumerated several faults he found with the printed album he was using. Among these faults were... "I find the binders cheaply constructed and they hurt my fingers when I try to manipulate the mechanism to open them." "The paper is of poor grade." "I have a tremendous number of commoner stamps for which no spaces are provided." "The albums are neither chronological or alphabetical." "The question... What in your opinion is the best album to use for my collection?"

I solved this problem for myself twenty or thirty years ago. I use a ring binder album with quadrilled pages. The binder is preferably one with booster openers so that they do not hurt one's fingers, although a cheaper binder is not too destructive to the fingers if regularly used for one does not have to open them often. The next point is that the albums are quite inexpensive alongside most other types. The average man can not afford to pay from \$8 to \$15 or even more for fancy albums which have but fifty pages. For myself I usually have about fifty albums on hand. In these I have a great variety of collections. They are so easily cared for, the new pages if they must be had are inexpensive alongside the higher priced albums. One has little or no difficulty about the ring holes tearing out if properly used. Never put too many pages in one binder, not so many that the pages will snag against one another at the ring edge when pages are turned. Never hold the album in your lap and turn the pages. Lay it on a flat surface and be careful with it and you will not have trouble.

With such an album you can get from 50 to 75 or more pages in each binder. You can group your countries as you choose, frequently using one or more binders for a single country.

Let us just estimate that you eventually acquire 25 binders which will hold 50 pages each. That makes 1250 pages. Let us estimate that each page will hold an average of 20 stamps. Some more some less but an average of 20. That gives you room for 25,000 stamps. Many collectors have this many, many have more. It is easy to estimate how many albums you might acquire for a collection of any size, but bear this in mind... Once this type of collection is started it is thoroughly flexible for the addition of more pages, other countries or just about anything you want to do with it. You always have space for anything you want to add to the collection and you are your own judge as to what and how you collect.

The album problem is one that is thrust on every collector at some time or other. I speak from experience, I have used ring binders for many years and I feel that they are the answer to the question for the collector who has an abundance of stamps that he wants to keep in albums.

A Flower Garden

If you are unaware of the great number of beautiful stamps that have been issued in the past several years which picture flowers native to the country of issue, then you will be greatly surprised if you look into these stamps and see a representative group of them.

I do not know of any topical that offers a more attractive field than Flowers on Stamps. Due to modern processes of printing and lithographing it is possible to reproduce in natural colors, the flowers of any country at very moderate cost. In fact, the cost for these colorful stamps is below the cost of the steel engraved issues that have been ours here in America since the first stamp issues. Now however, we get from the foreign countries most beautiful stamps and real pictures of their lovely flowers and plants.

An examination of any good stamp dealer's stock of stamps will soon convince anyone that the United States is very, very far behind in postage stamp production. What person wouldn't enjoy the sight of a few pages of the beautiful flower stamps of the world whereas few non-collectors could get enthused looking at some of the issues of the past many years from our own Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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In a cancellation could be the names of two or three states, such as Virgilina, Kenova, Maryland or Mexhoma. Most of these towns are just wide spots in the road and sit on the state line, or next to the state line.

Texarkana is the largest one of them all, 25,000 live on the Texas side, and 16,000 in the Arkansas. The post office sits right on the line, half in each state. A stamp dealer there keys his ads by using the address Texarkana, Tex-Ark, then Ark-Tex, then just plain Texarkana, Ark., and Texas. Bet he could use Texarkana and get his mail just the same.

Others in the list of border town names include, Arkana and Arkla (Ark-La); Moark (Mo-Ark); Ilmo (Ill-Mo); Alage (Ala-Ga); Florala (Ala-Fla); Kanorado (Kans-Colo).

California has five such cancellations, Calneva, Calada, on the Nevada border, Calor on the Oregon border, Calzona on the Arizona border, Calemico on the Mexican border, and across the way is Mexicali. In Calneva, you can gamble in the Nev part and dine in the Calif part.

If you are interested in tracking these state cancellations down, you can purchase a copy of "The U. S. Official Postage Guide" for \$1.75, catalog No. P 1.10:953 Pt 1, from Superintendent of Documents Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. This guide lists state post offices, alphabetical list of post offices, county list of post offices, and a list of post offices discontinued and names changed during the previous four years.

Kenova, W.Va. has a three-state cancellation, Ky., Ohio and W. Va. Kentucky has two, Kenvir, borders Va., and Kensee, borders Tennessee. There is a building in Kensee, on one side of which you can drink, the other half is in Kentucky which is a dry county, a white line is drawn through the middle of the building, separating them.

On Sunday only the Kentucky side of the building is opened for business. This building was pictured in the motion picture about Sgt. York.

Others include, Tenng (Tenn-Ga); Monida (Mont-Idaho); Uvada (Nev-Utah); Nypenn (N.Y.-Penn); Urado (Utah-Colo); and Dakoming (S.D.-Wyo). I am sure that collectors interested in border town cancellations can find more than I have listed, if they will study the Postal Guide and figure the names out.

Some of them may not be located on the border, but who cares, as long as the cancellation reads that of two states or more. It may be possible to find a town with four or five states in it's cancellation. I don't believe that you will find any on the state border with that many — three is the most I could find. The only place where four states meet (Colo-Utah-N. M.-Ariz.) cancellation could be found for there.

There is a peninsula known as Delmarva, it includes parts of Del., Md., and Va. There's Delmar and Maryland (Del-Md).

I have found that there is a story behind a lot of these names, but

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regret to say that there isn't the space here to recount any. It's sorta fun playing this game, even if you don't collect the cancellations.

How about a town with a name Kankencalwyowisvirvawashenonemomnaidga? (Kans-Ky-Calif-Wyo - Ohio - Wisc - Virginia - W. Va. - Wash - Tenn - N. C. - N. D. - Mont - Maine - Ind - Ga - Del - Mo. - N.M.).

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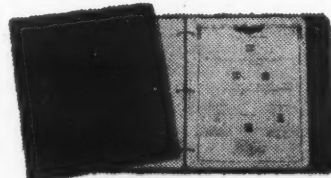
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BY CARL P. RUETH

The Post Office Department deserves a pat on the back for making the Rotary International commem 8c value. Even though the 3c kind are a bit easier on the purse, they do get awful monotonous. It would be well if we had some 1c and 2c now and again, for there are numerous opportunities to use such items, especially the latter.

PMG Summerfield in my personal opinion has done a whale of a job to date. He's made it a bit easier for all of us as taxpayers, given better service in numerous ways, and provided sincere considerations for stamp and cover collectors.

Hope they continue the generally all-around improved way of doing things.

1. The Rotary commem has a torch. Which was the most recent stamp before it to have a torch in the design?

2. The Rotary stamp has a globe. Which most recent stamp before it also had a globe in the design?

Several collectors have written asking whether the Philatelic Agency still has the coil stamps for sale. This question was brought on because the Agency did not include them in its most recent lists of stamps on hand. The readers want to know whether it is possible to buy, and what is available there.

I can't say definitely that the coils have been removed from sale at face. But I can list for you those which were there less than two months ago. These are—

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I see where public opinion, and practical good sense on the part of POD officials, brought on the demise of what has come to be known as "junk" mail. That's the stuff which was flooded into mailboxes throughout our beautiful land by the sales. It needed no specific address, or a stamp or meter postage. It was paid for at bargain rates.

It was used to sell about everything which could be sold through the mails, or I should say, advertised such things. Post Office personnel were definitely against it, the mailmen especially.

Our United States citizens can change just about anything they want, if its for the better, by organized howling, or if unorganized, of nationwide volume.

From Arthur E. Springer, Tucson, Arizona I received a cover bearing a postmark of the last day of existence of the Tiger,

Arizona post office. Such covers are not unique in themselves for each year many post offices are closed.

This was out of the ordinary because the postmark was rendered in a very Irish kind of green. Attached was a killer, of a tiger, also in green. Ordinarily Uncle Sammy furrows his brows deeply when anything but black ink is used for postmarking. And, it has been many a day since I have seen a figure representative of the community as part of the cancelling device.

It was rather common even four or five years ago for post offices with unusual names to use killers, in connection with the postmark, having a picture pertaining to the town.

It could be the Tiger postmaster thumbed his nose at the regulations on the final day of his holding office!

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PLATE BLOCK Thoughts and Comments

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"Oh No, Not Again"

Early in January, the Postmaster General announced the issuance of the second commemorative stamp for 1955, and of all things it had to be an 8c denomination.

Just a couple of years ago we were treated to a similar unappetizing delight with the appearance of the 5c Perry. Before very long the groans from plate block collectors will be long and heavy as far as this new 8c stamp, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary International, is concerned.

It will be interesting to look into that matter to see the degree of justification for coming out with an 8c face value stamp instead of the more common and desirable 3c. When the Perry issue came out, the 5c value was then the first class rate to foreign countries and even then many circles doubted the necessity of ordering 85 million 5c stamps, as on the Perry issue. Shortly thereafter the first class rate to foreign countries was changed to 8c per ounce.

With the airmail rates being lower than ever now, when letters travel at the rate of 10c to 25c around the world, and with "Air Letters" only 10c to any part of the world, it definitely effects and reduces the use of the 8c denomination to a minimum. The present tempo, even as the U. S. Government frequently encourages the public, is to step up airmail service over surface mailing. Why, then, issue a commemorative stamp of 8c denomination, 80 million stamps on top of that?

The ones who will be most seriously affected will be all plate number collectors and dealers. Since the availability of plate blocks, in every denomination, is dependent on the total sum of stamps consumed, getting plate blocks and matched sets on this new 8c commemorative will be a hard and arduous task for all concerned, and when most postal clerks who sell stamps will tell you that the 8c value moves very slowly, it will merely bow down to the fact that he can't spare the usual one or more plate blocks that he would otherwise oblige you with if this were a 3c denomination.

The best other way will therefore be buying full sheets and dispose of 46-8c stamps for every desirable plate block. This too, then, is not a happy anticipation.

Commemorative issues are most popular in place block collections. Therefore this stamp will be sought by the greatest number of collectors, both in unmatched plate blocks as well as matched sets. The enthusiasm and desire to obtain this issue in plate blocks is the greatest when the

stamp first comes out. The difficulty in obtaining them will no doubt create greater demand and, as a consequence, the horrid thought of higher prices.

For a printing of 80 million, it is a safe guess to say about four plate numbers will be used, which will bring the complete matched sets to sixteen plate blocks, in all numbers and positions. At frequent instances in the past we have known of other issues that had a printing of as much as 125 million having used only two plate numbers.

One such case is the National Capitol of 1950 with two plate numbers and some others as follows: The Gold Star of 1948, which had two plate numbers, with 77 million stamps printed; Francis Scott Key of 1948 had 120 million printed and the George Eastman used the first two plate numbers with which they printed almost 100,000 stamps. This is by way of whistling in the dark and hoping that only two plate numbers will be used for the entire 8c Rotary International commemorative.

In the face of accepting these announcements from the Post Office Department, such as they are, we can only hope that more popular denominations be used on future commemoratives. At this time the best advice to plate block collectors who collect all numbers and positions, and receive such service from plate block dealers, is to exercise patience, for their lot is far more difficult in supplying you with 8c plate blocks than those of the 3c denomination.

"PLATE NUMBER REPORT"

The response from plate block collectors in reporting different and new plate numbers and positions keeps increasing, and with that, more complete reports can now be provided for you. For example, note the following:

On the 3c Liberty, all positions of the following plate numbers have been reported complete:

24943	24944	24945	24946
24947	24948	24949	24950
24951	24952	24953	24954
24955	24957	24958	24961
24962	24963	24964	24965
24966	24979	24994	24998
24999	25000	25001	25004
25005	25011	25012	25029

On the 1c Washington, all positions reported on plate numbers 25030 and 25031.

On the 4c Air Mail all positions reported on plate numbers 25034-25035-25040 and 25041.

4c Lincoln, all positions reported on plate numbers, 25075 and 25076.

5c Monroe, all positions reported on plate numbers 25087 and 25088.

20c Special Delivery, all positions reported on 25054-25055-25059 and 25060.

2c Jefferson, all positions reported on plate numbers 25046-25047-25056 and 25057, and the following: No. 25050, upper left and upper right - No. 25079, lower left, and No. 25080, lower left.

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Y.F. Mint, never hinged, O.G.			
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#289	1.80	#298	.32
#290	.85	#299	1.50
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The organization came into being through David Robinson who started collecting stamps because there were no children near him to play with. When he told his school mates of his new hobby, seven youngsters appeared at the door one evening, and Mother Robinson found herself sponsoring a stamp

club. Since the membership has tripled, Mrs. Robinson is assisted by three mothers who are known as generals of a division.

With the help of the mothers of the members and the Pte. Tremble Extension Group, the philatelists worked on a project and turned over to the Algonac Community Pool Foundation a donation of \$50.

A Parents Open House was held in May of this year and will be repeated in April 1955.

Officers for this year are Christine Highstreet, president; Patricia Weiden, vice president; Charles Frasad, treasurer; Julia Lentz, recording secretary; and Therese Wright, corresponding secretary. The slate to take over in 1955 is—Patricia Weiden, president; Christine Highstreet, first vice president; William Warner, second vice president; and Robert Wright third vice president.

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BECHUANALAND. As previously announced this colony released on January 3, the new Elizabeth series of eleven stamps from 1/2 penny to 10 shillings. The King George VI stamps were withdrawn from sale at the close of business on January 1.

SINGAPORE. A new definitive pictorial issue has been ordered for Singapore. There will be fifteen values from 1c to \$5.00 and all will include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth. The subjects to be depicted on the 1c to 20c values inclusive are all types of craft trading to and from Singapore.

GRENADE. On January 10, Grenada released a new 25c Elizabeth stamp to be added to those already issued. Perhaps the new Elizabeth series will be completed in 1955???

ADEN. In May 1954, this column stated that Aden had ordered six stamps in changed colors or deeper shades of present colors. The values are 5c, 10c, 50c, 70c, 1/- and 10/-.

On September 20 they released the new 70c and 10 shillings stamps and now announce that on February 1 they will issue the 10c value in a new color. These changes may not be necessary but they do produce dollars from collectors.

TURKS & CAICOS. On Feb-

ruary 1, this colony will release two new value stamps, 5 and 8 pence. Although not mentioned in the official announcement, it is presumed that these two new stamps will contain the portrait of Queen Elizabeth. If so, these will be the first Elizabeth stamps for Turks & Caicos.

CEYLON. The number of Royal Visit stamps of Ceylon sold were as follows:

Locally 18,490,670
Crown Agents 329,967

Total 18,820,637

There should be no shortage of this stamp although the complete series of 106 is quite scarce. This is due to the fact that only 290,658 complete sets, mint or used, can exist, as this is the number issued by Southern Rhodesia.

AUSTRALIA. The 1953 Coronation set No. 259-261 is scarce and like all recently issued stamps of Australia are popular and in demand. They will not long remain at the present retail price of 65c to 75c.

Bronx County Club Elects Steinberger

The new officers of the Bronx County Stamp Club were recently installed to office by John J. Britt, prominent collector of New York City.

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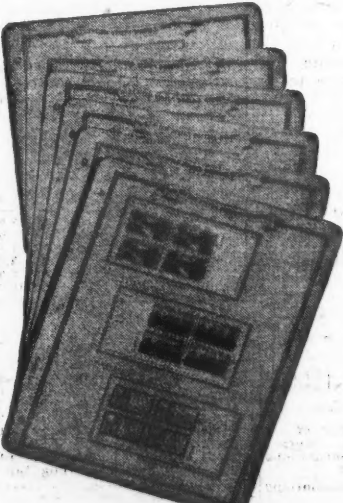
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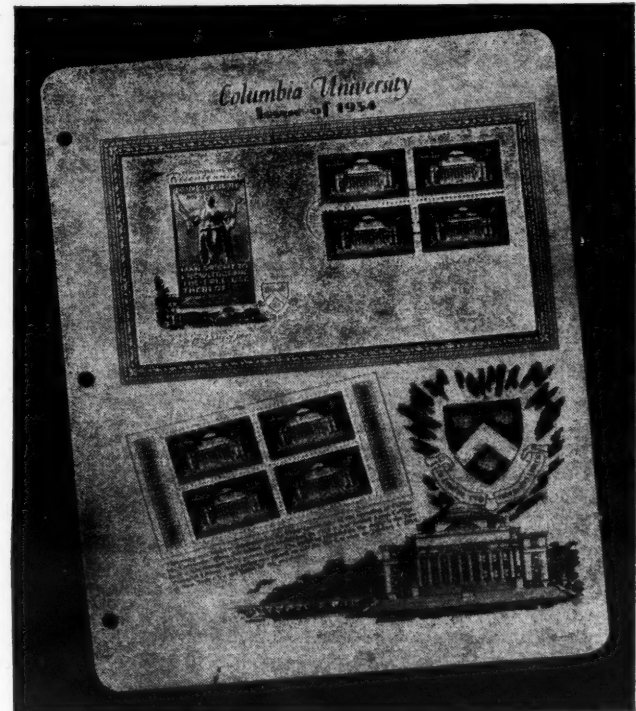
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Karl W. Scheufler

Have you ever been so disgusted with a mixture of stamps for which you have paid good, honest greenbacks, that you have resolved to boycott all stamp ads for all time? There must be many fine stamp dealers who suffer because there are other stamp dealers who fail to satisfy the expectations of their customers. I have been delighted a number of times with the quality of a stamp mixture, and I have been disappointed many times, too. When you are about to order a mixture of stamps may your guardian angel so guide you as you take up your pen, that your order will go to a dealer whose product will delight you, and encourage you to order again.

I am afraid that unless your guardian angel will guide you, you will not be able to order wisely. Some of my poorest purchases have been backed up with a "Money-back Guarantee" and some of my best have had no such guarantee. Our hobby needs a measuring stick by which we can judge the relative value of different offerings of mixtures, as we read the ads. Is it possible to have such a measuring stick?

More than a year ago I asked myself, "Where is the best place to purchase a mixture of Canadian stamps? Would it be in Canada? Perhaps if I purchased from Canada there would be little but common 1c, 2c, 3c, and 4c stamps. Was there a possibility of getting higher denominations in Ireland or England? Perhaps Air Mail would be used for overseas mail, extensively, to England. How about the U. S. A.? Would our American 'pride in product' guarantee that we would get the best buy in the States?"

I determined to find a realistic answer to the question.

To arrive at a basis for my answer, I ordered nine Canadian mixtures from nine dealers. Four dealers were in Canada, three were in the U. S. A., one was in Ireland, and one in England. Most of these mixtures cost about \$1.00 per pound, but one cost \$2.50 and one gave me a smaller number of soaked stamps than the pound mixtures contained, for my dollar. In determining the value the price had to be considered.

When the mixtures arrived I separated them into piles according to the catalogue numbers. On a chart I recorded the number of stamps in each lot, the varieties, and the catalogue values. To evaluate each lot, I counted only the stamps cataloging 5c and over. From this record, and the record of the cost of each lot, I could determine how much each of these better stamps cost me, and what per cent of the catalogue value I paid for each.

Now I had the items necessary to draw up a chart listing the nine lots in terms of desirability, according to my tests. May I repeat, that these tests were three in number. First, we have the test of the number of stamps cataloging 5c and over. Second, we had the test of the cost of each of these better stamps to me. Third, we had the test of the amount of the catalogue value that I paid for these better stamps (acting again as though they were the only stamps in the mixture).

I listed the four Canadian mixtures as "I Canada," "II Canada," "III Canada," "IV Canada." The three U. S. A. firms to send me Canadian mixtures, I designated as "I U. S. A.," "II U. S. A.," and "III U. S. A.," and the English and Irish mixtures were designated "England" and "Ireland."

Now I took the mixtures and listed them according to the number of better stamps. (i.e. stamps cataloging 5c each and over) in the lot. The mixture ranked as follows in this test:

"I Canada" first place
"II Canada" second place
"III Canada" third place
"Ireland" fourth place
"England" fifth place
"I U. S. A." sixth place
"II U. S. A." seventh place

Tied for last place "II U. S. A." and "IV Canada." "I Canada" contained 149 stamps cataloging 5c and over. "II Canada" had 121. "I U. S. A." had 15 and the last place pair of mixtures had 8.

Then I applied the second test. What did each of these better

stamps cost me, and how did the mixtures rate, on this basis? Now the nine mixtures ranked as follows:

"I Canada" first again
"II Canada" second again
"III Canada" third again
"Ireland" fourth again
"England" fifth again
"IV Canada" and "II U. S. A." tied for sixth
"III U. S. A." next to last
"I U. S. A." last

The first six mixtures cost me per stamp, respectively: 2/3c, 4/5c, 2/3c, 5c, and 6c. The mixtures which were tied cost me 8c for each better stamp. The last two mixtures cost me 11c and 13c each, for the better stamps.

Now apply the third test. This had to do with the percentage of the catalogue value of all the better stamps that I paid when I purchased the mixture. Here is how the mixtures ranked:

"I Canada" still first
"II Canada" still second
"III Canada" still third
"England" fourth
"I U. S. A." and "II U. S. A." tied for fifth place, with "Ireland," "IV Canada," "III U. S. A." in last place.

For the best buy I paid 1/20th of catalogue price! This was too good to last, it seems, for when I ordered a second lot, it dropped in value, due to the elimination of most of the Official Canadian stamps which the first lot contained.

The second place mixture cost me 1/10 of catalogue. Then third place cost me 1/3 catalogue, the fourth 1/4th catalogue. The four mixtures which came next in a tie, cost me 1 1/3 times catalogue and the last place mixture cost me 1 1/2 times catalogue.

Perhaps some readers would like to know how the nine mixtures ranked on the basis of the total number of different stamps in each lot. Disregarding the difference in cost of the lots, they ranked, on this basis, as follows:

"I Canada" first
"II Canada" second
"I U. S. A." third
"IV Canada" fourth
"III Canada" fifth
"Ireland" sixth
"England" seventh
"III U. S. A." eighth
"II U. S. A." ninth

It should be noted that this basis of judging places third a lot of stamps which cost me 13c each for the better stamps, when the next lower lot only cost 1 1/3c each. This basis is deceptive, and should not be used to determine the relative values of mixtures.

I would like to see dealers in mixtures take fair samples of their offerings and grade them according to test number three. To do this they would take the total catalogue value of all stamps, in the fair sample, which catalogue 5c each and over, and divide that sum into the cost of the sample of stamps to the philatelist. This gives the percentage of catalogue value which the purchaser must pay. Now if the result is 1/10th or less, call the mixture SUPERIOR. If the mixture costs not more than 1/2 of catalogue value for these better stamps, call the mixture EXCELLENT.

A GOOD mixture should cost not more than the actual catalogue value of the better stamps. If the figure is not over two times catalogue value, call the mixture FAIR. If the figure is not over 5 times, call the mixture ORDINARY.

All mixtures which cost more than five times the value of the better stamps contained therein should be called POOR. If we had such a basis of honestly judging mixtures, the dealer giving the better values would prosper and the dealer giving the poorer value, would find this trade going elsewhere. More philatelists would spend more money for mixtures then, I feel certain.

The first three Canadian mixtures come under the EXCELLENT (or better) category. So I determined to test additional lots from the top two dealers. My second lot from "I Canada" contained 93 different stamps, with 49 stamps cataloging 5c and over. Each of these better stamps cost me 2c each, but I only paid 1/4th of the

catalogue value for these when I paid for the entire lot.

Then a third lot from "I Canada" had 85 different stamps in it, with 63 stamps cataloging 5c and over. Each stamp of the better group cost me 1 1/3c and I only paid the same 1/4th of catalogue value as before. A second lot of "II Canada" contained 80 different stamps, with 61 stamps in the better category.

Each better stamp cost me 1 2/3c, but I only paid 1/4th catalogue value of the better stamps for the lot. A third lot of "II Canada" had 60 different stamps, with 69 stamps in the better category. These stamps cost me 1 1/3c each, and were secured at 1/6th of the catalogue value.

Some observations from this study follow:

1. Canada seems to be the best place to buy Canadian mixtures.

2. Yet, when one buys in Canada blindly, he runs a chance of getting poorer stamps than he would get in the U. S. A., Ireland, or England were he to buy there equally blindly.

3. The Canadian mixtures which ranked highest, also included stamps cataloging under 5c which were pleasing.

4. When a dealer advertises a pound mixture for sale, you may get anywhere from 1600 to 2500 stamps. If a dealer does not specify a pound mixture take it for granted that the mixture will be less than one pound.

5. Some mixtures contain current regular and commemorative issues, while some appear to have been assembled ten years ago. Some mixtures will be made up of the low value, common, current issues with very few commemorative. Some will contain many commemorative and some higher values.

6. Now and then in a mixture which appears to have had all the good stamps removed, you will find a "sleeper" or so. I did find two Official 4c grain elevator stamps in one mixture which was otherwise very disappointing.

7. Some of the mixtures which rated low on my chart were "salted." How else could I account for two Prince Edward Island stamps in one mixture? A "salted" mixture is sometimes a poor mixture.

8. "I Canada" was supplied to me free of paper, and in lots of about 4 ounces. This dealer has another occupation in addition to dealing in stamps. How could he otherwise afford to soak and sort his stamps so that the mass of common stamps do not appear in sizeable number?

9. My earliest purchases contained many Official stamps. In later purchases the official stamps have decreased in number.

10. The designation "unpicked mixture" is meaningless. When you get a mixture in which every high value stamp is damaged, you are justified in suspecting that the mixture has been scanned carefully by some one, before you received it, even though it bears a label, "Unpicked."

11. To soak a pound mixture I fill the kitchen sink with warm water, and dump the entire mixture therein. If your sink is large enough, you will soon find most of the stamps at the bottom of the sink and most of the scrap paper floating on top of the water.

12. Not only do I think that this study is a contribution to Philately, but in making the study I have burned at least 10,000 common Canadian stamps (another contribution to Philately). Now even the boys who come to my house for stamps, will take the kinds that I burn. Some things are so cheap that they depress the stamp market, and the soul of man.

13. To follow such a scheme of grading as I suggest, might lose much of its value, unless some national stamp group would have a secretary who could receive the reports of philatelists who have purchased a mixture and graded the same according to some accepted scheme.

14. The writer would be happy to receive observations and suggestions which might make the continued study of this subject valuable.

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both of the same design, were
issued on December 12 commem-
orating the inauguration of the
new steel mills of Paz Del Rio.
The design pictures the steel
mills. Values are 5c blue and
black and 20c green and black.

GERMANY — Four stamps
were to have been issued at the
end of December honoring four
different people. Kathe Kollwitz,
a painter was to have been hon-
ored with a 7 plus 3 pfennig
brown; a 10 plus 5pf green was
to have been issued for the
founder of German Caritas, Lor-
enz Werthmann; a 20 plus 10pf
red was to honor Johan F. Ober-
lin, who founded the first kinderg-
garten 175 years ago; Bertha Pap-
penheim was to be honored with
the issuance of a 40 plus 10pf
blue as founder of the Jewish
Women's Association.

HAITI — On December 15, two
stamps were issued, with the pro-
ceeds to be used for victims of
the recent hurricane. The stamps,
50c gray and 50c red, picture
Fort Nativity, built by Christo-
pher Columbus and were taken
from the original drawing by Co-
lumbus and celebrate the first
Christmas in the New World. On
December 6, two 10c stamps were
issued. One has portraits of King
Christophe and President Marloire,
and the Citadel. The other
shows the tomb of King Christo-
phe.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND — P.
Ostrow advises that the first post-
war definitives, after being in

use for four years are to be re-
placed with a new set of seven
postage and two special delivery
stamps. The designs will feature
flowers. Values are 1c, 5c, 10c, 25c,
60c, 1S and 1.20S, regular postage
and 50c and 1S, special delivery
values.

NETHERLANDS — The Post
Office Department has sent fur-
ther advice on the "Statute for
the Kingdom" stamps which were
reported for Suriname last week.
A single 10c red stamp was is-
sued for the Netherlands; a 7½c
olive green stamp for Netherland
Antilles and a 7½c purple for
Surinam.

The design for all three is the
same, showing a profile portrait
of Queen Juliana in an oval,
around which is the inscription
"The Netherlands - The Nether-
lands Antilles - Surinam". This
inscription is so arranged that
the name of the country of issue
is at the top of the stamp. They
were placed on sale in each coun-
try on December 15.

NORWAY — On January 3 a
set of three stamps was placed
on sale commemorating one hun-
dred years of Norwegian stamps.
Values and colors are 20 ore green,
picturing the first Norwegian
stamp; 30 ore red, the first post-
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have been added to the regular
issue because of a change in postal
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The Type is U-121 wide. The
Keystone reports a new Double
Line type from Pittsburgh. Seems
odd that this should be and they
think so too as they are going
to check it. The differences are
mm spacings between lines etc.

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tors up San Francisco way must
travel or something. Their Gold-
en Gate Bulletin was mailed this
month from Ribera, N. Mexico.
No, it was the old Presidents
on the envelope, but I'll bet a
lot of collectors are glad to see
those on any issue.

From the Bulletin we learn the
number of towns listed from all
the far west. Here are the num-
bers per state. Arizona 42; Cali-
fornia 598; Colorado 173; Idaho
87; Montana 106; Nevada 22; New
Mexico 62; Oregon 181; Utah 65;
Washington 209; Wyoming 42. So
now you can see why you don't
find very many precancels from
some of the far western states.

OUR OPINION

Now we will stick out our neck
for this statement. It becomes
more and more apparent that
DATING as now practiced should
be abolished in all but say, the
ten largest cities. The number
of Parcel Post precancel users
are far less now than in years
gone by, thereby making the job
of checking much easier. That is
one reason. There are a dozen
others. What do you readers
think?

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MARIAN YEAR (Continued from page 7)

stowed upon the painting and shrine.

Count Pulaski, rushed with his army from the Turkish border entrenched it in the monastery as a fort, and made battle. The relic was saved from the Russians. This was the same Count Pulaski who later came to the American Colonies and assisted in the Revolutionary War. He was honored with a U. S. commemorative stamp.

Some writers have stated that in the issue of stamps showing the Polish Army Corps in action in the late war in Italy, two stamps pictured the Lady of Czestochowa. These are not shown in catalogues. Can these be the stamps or the same issue which was suppressed by the Polish Government in Exile?

Three copies have been made of the painting, one is in the Vatican, one in Poland and a third was brought to America.

There is a Madonna to be seen on another Polish stamp (No. 277), the altar panel of St. Mary's Church at Cracow. No. 278 also issued in 1933 shows a painting from the Vatican Gallery with a Madonna in miniature.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA. Italy. Date prior to 1806. Not listed. —It has been reported that research has shown a stamp had been issued before 1806. The first ever reported. The picture on this stamp or seal was of Our Lady of the Sea.

This seal was found attached to an old letter, dated March 1806, in a monastery on the Adriatic. It appeared to have been in the Genoa-Cadix postal service. Further investigation showed that it had at one time been purchased by a stamp dealer of Mexico.

THE BLACK VIRGIN. Spain No. 508-509—This is Our Lady of Montserrat. High up in the mountains of Spain lies an ancient Benedictine Abbey, the ancient Monastery of Montserrat. Spain issued a set of stamps in 1931, two in number, in commemoration of the 900th anniversary of this church. Shown is the picture of a small statuette of the Virgin carved by St. Luke, from life, and brought to Barcelona in 30 A. D. by St. Peter.

The first shrine placed here was in 800 A.D., with others added later to form the great monastery.

In 1881 the Black Virgin was solemnly crowned by Pope Leo XIII. It was at the Lady Altar in this early church that St. Ignatius Loyola knelt, all through the night, laying his trusted sword on the altar, and dedicating his life to furthering the cause of religion.

There are two designs on the stamps of the Virgin. In the 1954 issue for Marian Year Spain issued ten stamps, each showing a sculptured design or painting of the Blessed Virgin each found in Spain. The 30c is listed as the "Black Virgin of Montserrat". The 50c is the Pillar Virgin of Zaragoza, "Our Lady of the Pillar".

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR. Spain B109-122—In Spanish folklore there is no religious theme or patriotic symbol that has been such an object of esteem as the Virgin of the Pillar. An entire issue of stamps commemorating the 19th century of the great events that occurred about Sargossa, pictures the Holy Mother on many. There are 25 stamps in this issue, replete with long religious history, bearing a surtax that was used to restore the damage done to the Cathedral.

First we note the Ruins of Belchite (Scott type SP15) with the image of the Virgin seen above the ruins.

Next (SP16) is the Procession of the Rosary of Our Lady, through the streets, with the prayers represented by lanterns of different colors. The design is taken from a painting by Marceline de Unseta, which is kept in the Museum of Fine Arts in Sargossa.

The Holy Metropolitan Temple is seen on another (SP17). This is a basilica. One of the most glorious figures in 19th century history, (SP18) Mother Raffles, can be seen as she has thrown herself before the shrine at the feet of the Virgin, praying during the siege of battle.

"The Little Chamber" (SP19) is the Cameran—the statue is greatly venerated. The Virgin Mother with the infant Jesus in her arms has on her head a marvelous crown of 15,000 precious jewels, that have been offered by the women of Spain. The statue is draped in an elaborate mantle, the gift of the Minister of Interior. The Oath taken by the besieged citizenry, (SP20) before the door of the Cameran, with the Virgin shown, is to be found as another design.

This is from a painting in the throne room of the Palace of Sargossa, it shows the patriotic enthusiasm and determination of the people to fight to the end against Napoleon. It was painted by N. Valdivia in 1866.

The Miracle of Calanda (SP21) has a long story. It was a shrine which became a temple, was des-

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troys, then restored.

In the Museum of the Temple is a painting by Bernardine Montanes showing the scene of the miracle of the healing of Miguel Pellicer. In the background amid the clouds stands the Virgin of Pillar. The painting is faithfully reproduced on this stamp.

Finally we see the Apparition of the Virgin to the Apostle James (SP22). This stamp is reproduced from a engraving print in the Museum of Fine Arts at Sargossa. It bears the mark of the artist Gonzales. Here St. James is seen on his knees, Our Lady appearing in the cloud above surrounded by angels.

THE WAYSIDE SHRINE. Spain, type SPAP2—This stamp is taken from a painting of Marcellino de Uncola. It shows a family of peasants at prayer near Aragon, as they realize the danger of harm from Red airplanes in war. They kneel before the image of the Holy Mother. The tower in the distance is that of the Cathedral of Le Seo—also seen is the cupola of the Cathedral of Pilar.

MADONNA AND CHILD. Bavaria No. 247—What is credited as the very first Madonna stamp to be catalogued is the one Bavaria issued in 1920, but it remained in use only from March 1 to April 1 as this country lost its right to issue stamps. Those unused were overprinted and became the first religious stamps used in Germany.

MADONNA AND CHILD. Liechtenstein No. 47—Another early stamp appeared in 1920, in Liechtenstein, to commemorate the 80th birthday of Prince John II. There were three values, same design, style of the period of Louis XVI of France. Design by Tana and Luiga Kassimer, and engraved in Vienna.

OUR LADY PATRON OF LIECHTENSTEIN. No. 171—This country brought out another Madonna stamp in 1941. The flowers shown are symbols of the fields, and in the upper corner is shown the shield of the house of von Dux. The design was copied from the seal of the cloister of Assan. Small sheets were issued, four 10fr stamps, engraved, maroon in color, and made by a Swiss firm in Berne.

Liechtenstein's Madonna, by Memling (A160), is another stamp showing the Holy Mother and Child. This entire issue consists of art works by the finest painters or sculptors.

MADONNA OF BLIESKASTEL. Saar No. 118—Saar issued the Madonna of Blieskastel but five years after the first ones to appear in 1920 in Bavaria and Liechtenstein. It attracted much attention, there were two numbers, same type. Different in size and perforations, different shades of brown.

MADONNA. by FERRUZZIO. Saar No. B22—Saar issued a number of sets in 1927, 1928 and 1929 all copies of the greatest art works, by Raphael, Dyckmans and others, among them the Madonna, by artist Ferruzzio. This design features the peasant, as the stamps were all for relief of working people, the surtax being devoted to charity.

Saar's Marian set in 1954, of three are beautifully engraved miniature reproductions of some of the most famous Madonna and Child paintings, one of which is the Sistine Madonna. It is said to be the greatest of all religious paintings. All three are famous and worth studying.

OUR LADY COUNCILLOR OF THE AFFLICTED. Luxembourg No. B126—Our Lady of Luxembourg was honored by an issue of five stamps, (B121 to B125); also a fine souvenir sheet of one stamp of note, (B126). We first see the statue carried in procession, then the statue alone as the "Patrona Civitatis". (Patron saint of the nation).

Next one is listed as "Our Lady of Luxembourg" which is the same design as seen on the handsome pane (B126); then follows the "Cathedral Facade", and finally

the magnificent "Ornate Altar". The Madonna is seen on all of these.

It was the Jesuits who introduced this devotion to the Holy Mother. In 1583 the followers of St. Ignatius opened the first school and presented to it a statue for the shrine. The original one became lost, and when replaced by another it soon disappeared. A student found it where it had been placed in a tree, and when returned to the shrine, it too was removed by some one. After such repeated experiences, the authorities decided to erect a shrine that surrounded the tree, and this spot soon became the object of many pilgrimages. This statue of the stamps is about 36 inches high, artistically carved from wood. The Holy Mother is seen clasping the infant Christ Child in her left arm, while in her right is seen a raised scepter.

In 1666 the city officially declared the Virgin Mother the "Councillor of the Afflicted", and as a national patron the keys of the city were placed at the foot of the statue. When the French were repulsed in their attempt to capture the city, the Luxembourgers showed their gratitude for the victory by hanging a golden key on the arm of the revered statue. All replicas also show a key.

It has been reported that in a shrine in Carey, Ohio, is such a replica.

THE MADONNA OF THE DOMESTICS. Austria No. B193—The Statue of the Madonna of the Domestics is in the Cathedral of St. Stephen, in Vienna. In 1946 Austria issued ten stamps with the surtax used for the restoration of the famous cathedral that had been partially destroyed in the battles of World War II. All showed parts of the historic building. The Statue is a fine example of Viennese Gothic art.

MADONNA BY MICHAEL PACHER. Austria No. B259—Another set issued in 1946 shows two stamps of the Holy Mother. These were for the restoration of the Salzburg Cathedral in Vienna. On B254 we see the facade of the Cathedral, with the Madonna in relief.

MADONNA AND CHILD. by Durer. Austria No. 377—Austria has given the collector a most beautiful piece of art work, by Albrecht Durer. This fine photograph was issued in commemoration of the Mothers of Austria.

THE IMMACULATE VIRGIN. at Villa Vicosia. Portugal—Lisbon, Portugal celebrated one of the greatest days of the Catholic faith, December 8, 1946. It was the 300th anniversary of the coronation of the Immaculate Virgin, Conceicao, as patroness of that country. A proclamation of King Joao, called for the issuance of a set of four stamps and a sheet. (No 671-74, 674a).

The design is by Martins Barata, and it pictures the Madonna and Child richly robed and heavily crowned, as taken from the image of the Virgin in the Church of the Conception at Villa Vicosia, formerly known as the Santa Marie del Castelo.

ST. ANTHONY AND HIS VISION. Portugal No. 132—Much of the religious history of Portugal centers about St. Anthony of Padua. It is natural that the stamp showing the saint and his vision must show the Madonna in the distance. St. Anthony with the infant Jesus in his arms can be seen on a stamp of 1931.

MADONNA OF FATIMA. Portugal No. 717—To commemorate the Holy Year 1950 and to honor "Our Lady of the Rosary" at Fatima, Portugal issued four of the most beautiful Madonna stamps known. The Miracle of Fatima occurred in a village of the Serra in the Hill country May 13, 1917. Three small children tending their flock of sheep at Cova da Iria, near the parish church at Fatima, beheld an apparition that appeared in a small helm oak. (azinhiera tree).

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Collectors Annual Has Lots Of Data

The 1955 edition of the "Stamp Collectors Annual" published by Harris Publications, Ltd., 29 Buckingham St., London WC 2, England, is available from Daniel W. Voors, P. O. Box 300 Canajoharie, N. Y. The 104-page volume includes a directory of current stamp periodicals of the world, new book and catalog list, currency guide, society and exchange club directories. Articles include "The Best Designs of 1954" as selected by L. E. Scott, "Australian Penny Varieties" by Patrick Hamilton, "Unofficial Postmarks of Tristan da Cunha" by E. M. Knight, "Twin Governments of the New Hebrides" by Harold G. D. Gisburn, "Letter Carriers of 300 Years Ago," by Gordon Harris, list of Coronation quantities, the Queen's tour, and "The Cocos Island Stamps of Costa Rica," by Julian A. Weston. In all, it provides a lot of useful information at a very modest price of 50c, postpaid.

Winter Carnival Slogan At St. Paul

Advertising the St. Paul, Minn. Winter Carnival is a slogan die placed in use January 10. It will remain in the automatic cancelling machines until February 5, advises Roy Swanson of that city. Slogan collectors can send prepared cards and envelopes (3c postage) bearing names and ad-

dresses to the postmaster, St. Paul, Minn. with a request for an impression of the slogan.

Author-Editor Hahn Called By Death

Death claimed Mannel Hahn, 59, of Winnetka, Ill. on December 31. Mr. Hahn was well known as a collector and writer in the Chicago area, he having edited the stamp column in one of the dailies. He was also the author of "So You're Collecting Stamps." Charles Hahn, a son is the stamp editor of the Sun-Times. Mr. Hahn is survived by his widow and the son.

Bulletins Mailed With Good Precancels

The Quad City Stamp Club, which isn't a precancel organization, is now mailing the monthly bulletin, the Phila-Quad, with precancels from small hard-to-get Iowa and Illinois towns. The club has this means of using stamps of philatelic value on its mail. Anyone desiring further information, should write to Mrs. Ruby Mae Schreck, Box 247, Bettendorf, Iowa, secretary.

Polonus Society Show At Chicago In March

Dates for the annual POLEX of the Polonus Philatelic Society have been set for March 4 to 6. The exhibition as usual will be set up in the club's regular meeting place, the Polish Falcons Hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. General chairman is Henry S. Barth, Z. J. Obara is vice chairman. Most of the material displayed will be related to the stamps and postal history of Poland. The show can be visited by all collectors.

Morgan Elected President At Dunkirk

Joseph P. Morgan, Jr. was chosen by his fellow members of the Dunkirk, N. Y. Stamp Club as president for the next fiscal year. Other officers are vice president Lester Stoye and secretary-treasurer Sandy Novelli 750 Park Ave., Dunkirk, N.Y. Meetings open to all interested persons are held the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday at the Dunkirk Free Library.

An auction is usually held the first meeting each month.

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